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### **Field Collection, Processing, and Preservation of Finfish Samples at the Time of Collection in the Field**

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## Environmental Assessment Program

### Standard Operating Procedure for Field Processing and Preservation of Fish Samples.

#### **1.0 Purpose and Scope**

- 1.1 This document is the Environmental Assessment Program (EAP) Toxics Study Unit (TSU) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for collection, processing and preservation of finfish samples in the field. A separate SOP on resecting samples in the laboratory is also available (SOP #007 *Procedures for Resecting Finfish Whole Body, Body Parts, or Tissue Samples*).
- 1.2 Washington State Department of Ecology investigates the occurrence and concentrations of toxic contaminants in fish tissue. This SOP is intended to provide consistent techniques that ensure the quality of sample collection, tissue preparation (including whole finfish or other body parts) for the purpose of homogenizing samples for chemical analysis by an accredited analytical laboratory. This SOP was adapted from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories, Volume 1 Fish Sampling and Analysis Third Edition* (2000).

#### **2.0 Applicability**

- 2.1 This procedure is to be followed by Ecology's TSU personnel conducting projects involving the collection of finfish tissue samples for contaminant analysis.
- 2.2 This SOP also addresses fish field processing to be conducted by other agencies (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tribes, etc) when collecting fish for Ecology. See Attachment 1 for a one page summary that should be presented to, and followed by non Ecology groups when coordinating cooperative fish collection efforts.

#### **3.0 Definitions**

- 3.1 Composite – Composite samples are homogeneous mixtures of samples from two or more individual organisms of the same species collected at a particular site and analyzed as a single sample.
- 3.2 Ecology – Washington State Department of Ecology.
- 3.3 EAP – Environmental Assessment Program.
- 3.4 FFCMP – Freshwater Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program.
- 3.5 Field Log Book – A weather resistant logbook used to document any and all field activities, sample data, methods and observations for each and all collection sites.

- 3.6 Lab Analysis & Tracking Plan – A table, usually created in Excel®, used to plan and document lab analyses of samples for single or multiple projects (Attachment 2).
- 3.7 QAPP – Quality Assurance Project Plan.
- 3.8 Processing Bench Sheet – A table, usually created in Excel®, used to plan and document sample processing data for each fish collected (Attachment 3).
- 3.9 Resecting – Surgical removal of all or part of an organ, tissue or structure.
- 3.10 TSU – Washington State Department of Ecology’s Toxics Study Unit.
- 3.11 WDFW – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 4.0 Personnel Qualifications/Responsibilities**
- 4.1 Staff leading or participating in fishing operations must meet qualifications described in Scientific Collection Permits (required qualification may vary by permits, so each permit needs to be consulted). Additional requirements are needed to conduct field work and operate Ecology boats. Please see “Safety” section 9.4 of this SOP for details.
- 5.0 Equipment, Reagents, and Supplies**
- 5.1 Fish identification guides.
- 5.1.1 Wydoski, R. and R. Whitney. 2003. *Inland Fishes of Washington*, Second Edition. University of Washington Press. Seattle, WA.
- 5.1.2 Sport Fishing Rules for Washington – Current year’s edition located at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/index.jsp>.
- 5.2 Field Log Book is a weather resistant notebook – Rite in the Rain™ (Figure 1).
- 5.3 Indelible ink and pens that function when wet.
- 5.4 Marking pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, permanent markers.
- 5.5 Field Identification (ID) tags (Figure 2).
- 5.6 Identifying tape – Blue painter’s masking tape.
- 5.7 Camera.
- 5.8 Bench scale (battery operable), include extra 9v batteries, standard weights, and standards log book for pre and post accuracy checks (Figure 3 and 4).

- 5.9 Fish measuring board (Figure 5).
- 5.10 Heavy-duty aluminum foil typically Reynolds Foodservice Foil 45.7cm x 152.4mm (624) and 38.1cm x 152.4mm (622).
- 5.11 Talc-free nitrile exam gloves.
- 5.12 Paper towels.
- 5.13 Garbage bags.
- 5.14 Polyethylene zip seal bags – Gallon sizes.
- 5.15 Large (11 in X 14 in) polyethylene bags for preserving large fish.
- 5.16 Plastic cable ties (zip ties).
- 5.17 Headlamp with extra batteries and an extra new bulb available.
- 5.18 Flashlights with extra batteries.
- 5.19 Gloves for handling fish.
- 5.20 Coolers with ice – Enough coolers and ice for ice to surround expected fish collected.
- 5.21 5 gallon bucket.
- 5.22 Deionized distilled (DI) water.
- 5.23 Copy of QAPP which specifies the fish to be collected.
- 5.24 Scientific Collection Permits and associated equipment/references required by permits.
- 5.25 Electrofishing log forms (for boat and/or backpack electrofishers).
- 5.26 Fish collection gear such as boat, electrofishers, nets, fishing poles and tackle, and related equipment.
- 5.27 Related forms, fishing permits, checklists, and electrofishing log templates are located at Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish.





Figure 1. Field Log Book (Weather resistant notebook – Rite in the Rain™). Used to record fish field data, site information, methods, etc.

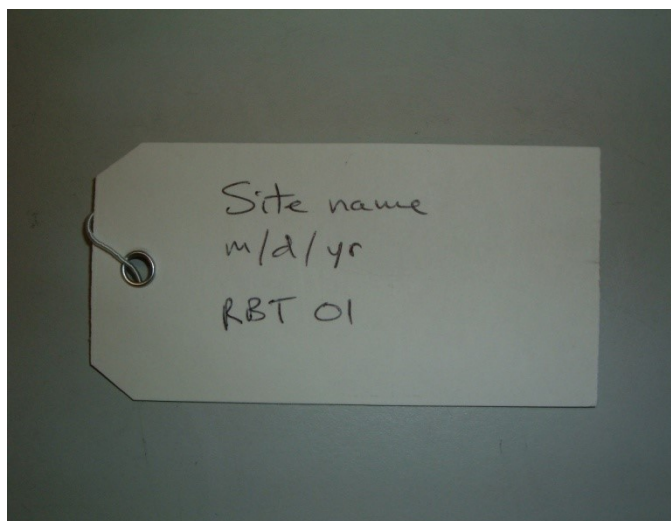


Figure 2. Fish field identification tag.



Figure 3. Bench scale.



Figure 4. Scale Log Book, Standard Weights, 9 volt battery (Items stored in scale case).

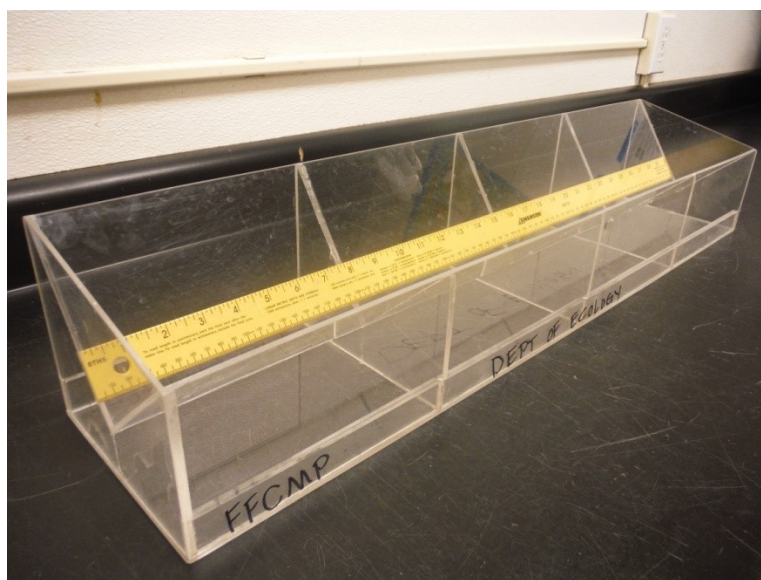


Figure 5. Fish Measuring Board.

## **6.0 Procedure**

### **6.1 *Fish collection planning.***

- 6.1.1 Plan field sampling. Successful fish collection efforts require planning at various levels. The QAPP will describe project goals and help guide the selection of fish to collect from designated sites. Various Scientific Collection Permits are required at all sites and may dictate numerous conditions related to fish collection efforts. Reconnaissance of fish collection locations provides information needed to plan field efforts. Selection of fish collection methods and gear help determine what resources are needed in the field to collect target numbers and species of fish. Finally, field efforts must be documented in order to meet requirements of various permits and to record information about samples collected for the project.
- 6.1.2 Review QAPP. Identify the specifics needed to meet project objectives. Items of primary concern are: timing and locations of fish collections, numbers and size ranges of target species at each site, collection methods, field processing procedures, and any information relevant to the collection and preservation of samples.
- 6.1.3 Review collection permits. Determine the need for permits and/or permissions to collect fish at each site and contact the unit permit coordinator to obtain copies of relevant permits. Permits may need to be applied for, and is a process that can take from 2 to 6 months. One or more permits from various agencies and/or documented permission from other entities are needed to collect fish from, or gain access to, any site. Table 1 summarizes the various permits and agencies that may have jurisdiction at fish collection sites. Each permit has unique requirements about: species, locations, time of collection, collection methods and restrictions, personnel authorized for field work, record-keeping and reporting, notification of permitting authority, and more. Permits generally require that the permitting authority be contacted prior to collection within a time frame specified in permits (usually about 4 weeks to 3 days).

Table 1. Various permits and agencies that may have jurisdiction at fish collection sites.

<b>Summary of Permits or Permissions Needed for Collecting Fish.</b>					
<b>Who Issues</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Geographic Coverage</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Application Information</b>
WDFW	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife	Formal Permit	All waters within state	All species	<a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/scp/">http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/scp/</a>
NOAA - NMFS	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Marine Fisheries Service	Formal Permit	Most of state where about 14 ESA-listed anadromous salmonids species occur	Salmon & Steelhead	<a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/index.html">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/index.html</a>
USFWS	U.S Fish and Wildlife Service	Formal Permit	Much of state where the ESA-listed Bull Trout has been found	Bull Trout	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/permits/index.html">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/permits/index.html</a>
National Parks	Olympic NP, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area	Formal Permit	Within National Park, Nat'l Recreation Area boundaries	All species	<a href="https://irma.nps.gov/rprs/Home">https://irma.nps.gov/rprs/Home</a>
Other State Agencies	Washington Parks and Recreation	Formal Permit	In waters or access points managed by WA Parks and Recreation	All species	<a href="http://parks.state.wa.us/204/Passes-Permits">http://parks.state.wa.us/204/Passes-Permits</a>
Tribes	Roughly 30 recognized Tribes in Washington	documented permission or notification	In waters or access points where Tribes have jurisdiction	All species?	<a href="http://www.goia.wa.gov/tribal-directory/tribaldirectory.pdf">http://www.goia.wa.gov/tribal-directory/tribaldirectory.pdf</a>
Other Federal Agencies	USFS, BLM, BOR, USACE,	documented permission or notification	In waters or access points where such agencies have jurisdiction	All species?	Individual agencies
Local Government	Cities, towns, counties	documented permission or notification	In waters or access points managed by local gov't	All species?	Individual governments
Private Landowners	private citizens, utility companies operating dams	documented permission or notification	In waters or access points managed by local gov't	All species?	Individual private landowners

6.1.4 Site Reconnaissance. Obtain information about the site, access, species, local conditions, and any information that will improve chances of a successful fish collection effort. WDFW and other agency biologists have been very helpful with local knowledge. A site reconnaissance checklist (Attachment 4) can help guide inquiries into site characteristics. Most reconnaissance can be done via phone, email, and office resources (e.g. Gazetteer, GIS, and other staff).

6.1.5 Select fish collection methods. Determine which collection gear and methods are appropriate for site characteristics and meeting project objectives. Boat electrofishing and gill netting are the most common methods used by Ecology's Toxics Study Unit

(TSU). Other methods include backpack electrofishing, angling, and use of other nets such as beach seines, fyke nets, and otter trawls. Ensure needed equipment is available and in serviceable condition prior to field collection efforts. An inventory of nets and accessory gear (Attachment 5) is located at Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Fishing Equipment Inventory.xlsx. Note that special training is required for boat operations and electrofishing.

## 6.2 *Collect fish and document field efforts.*

### 6.2.1 Prepare gear and travel to site with crew needed to collect fish.

### 6.2.2 At the site, brief crew on site specific objectives and operations such as: boating plan; safety issues; collection methods and gear; site characteristics; target species, numbers, and size ranges; and record-keeping. Ensure all needed gear is loaded into boat if boat is used.

### 6.2.3 Prepare field logs for recording pertinent data from fishing effort. Set up the Boat Electrofishing Log form for each site (Figure 6) and any electrofishing boat operations. This form is designed for use with the electrofishing boat, yet can be used for other boat operations as well. Other boats may have a log book for similar operations.

Boat Electrofishing Log						Date(s): 11-14-13	
Site: COLUMBIA R., BLW GRAND CANYON DAM							
Crew: CD, MF, AB							
Weather & conditions: Mostly clear sky w/ scattered clouds, 40°F, calm wtr/wind							
Main Engine Hours							
Date	Time uw	M.E. hrs	Time rtn	M.E. hrs			
11/14/13	1330	020.2	1915	024.5			
Surface WQ							
Location		Time	Temp (C)	Cond (uS/cm)	Vis (ft)		
NR CARTON'S GROVE BL.		1600	11.5	136	10+		
Electronics Log - Generator Hours							
Time	Gen hrs	Seconds	PPS	Vrange	V %	Amps	
1700	313.7	0	60	500	70	4.1	
1900	315.4	1571	"	"	"	"	
list species encountered and other comments on back of page							

Fish Encountered		Site: Col R, BLW GCD.
Species	Estimated #'s	Date(s)
LSS	75+	11/14/13
LNS	50+	
NPM	5	
WAL	5	
RBT	75+	
CCP	2	
FISH < 4"	700+	
Notes: ADD USEFUL NOTES ABT SITE, SPECIES, BOAT ISSUES, WHERE GILL NETS WERE SET (TIME SET & PULLED) ETC...		

Figure 6. Front and back of Boat Electrofishing Log form.



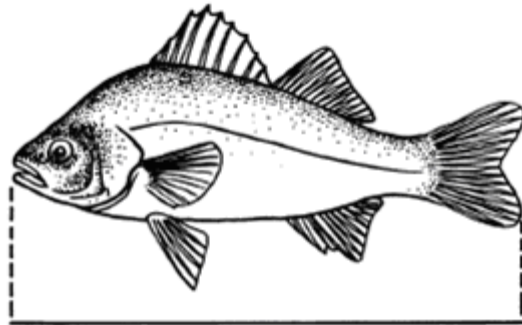
- 6.2.3.1 If boat electrofishing, all fields are required to be filled out (NOAA permit requirement). Enter time of day and engine hours when getting underway and when returning to launch point. Measure and record the surface temperature and conductivity at a point representative of where electrofishing will occur. Fill out generator hours and electronics settings at start and end of electrofishing effort. Any changes in electrofishing settings during fishing are recorded in the Electronics Log section.
- 6.2.3.2 The back of the form is used to record the approximate number of individuals for each fish species encountered (WDFW permit requirement). Additional pages can be used for notes required by permits or additional information such as sample collection activities, hydrologic conditions, weather conditions, boat or equipment operations, any other unusual activities observed (i.e. dredging), or problems encountered that would be useful to the manager in evaluating the quality of the fish contaminant monitoring data.
- 6.2.3.3 If backpack electrofishing, similar electrofishing logs (Figure 7) are required for permitting purposes.

Figure 7. Front and back of Backpack Electrofishing Log form.

- 6.2.3.5 If trawling, record the net ID used, times and locations of trawl deployment and retrieval, and the numbers and species collected in the field logbook or accompanying maps or charts of the site.
- 6.2.3.6 If angling, record the location and time of effort along with numbers and species of fish encountered and collected in the field logbook or accompanying maps or charts of the site.
- 6.2.4 Collect fish and identify fish to species level as soon as collected. Ensure that adequate numbers and size ranges described in the QAPP are met. See Attachment 6 for target fish species. Nontarget species or specimens that do not meet size requirements should be returned to their home environment. Experienced personnel knowledgeable in local fish identification and taxonomic keys, appropriate to the waters being sampled, should be consulted for species identification. **Correct identification of species in the field is critical to project needs.**
- 6.2.5 Inspect fish to ensure that the specimen has no broken skin, damaged fins or other injuries that may compromise the quality of the sample. Damaged specimens should be discarded. Rinse selected fish in ambient water to remove any foreign material from the external surface.
- 6.2.6 At the end of the fish collection effort, return to the launch point, ensure that the field logs are correctly filled out, and begin preparations to process the fish retained for the study.
- 6.3 *Prepare to field-process fish.*
  - 6.3.1 Prepare Field Logbook for the following:
    - 6.3.1.1 Project Name
    - 6.3.1.2 Sampling date and time
    - 6.3.1.3 Sampling site location
    - 6.3.1.4 Collection method
    - 6.3.1.5 Collector's names
    - 6.3.1.6 Species collected and number of individuals of each species
    - 6.3.1.7 Field ID number for each fish specimen retained
    - 6.3.1.8 Total length (measured to nearest millimeter)

- 6.3.1.9 Weight (measured to nearest gram)
- 6.3.1.10 Notes including visible morphological abnormalities such as fin erosion, skin ulcers, cataracts, skeletal and exoskeletal anomalies, neoplasms, or parasites.
- 6.3.2 Prepare field identification tags for each specimen on a waterproof tag using indelible ink and writing implements that can function when wet (Figure 2). Record the site name, date collected, species or species abbreviation, and a unique field ID for the individual fish at that site, (e.g. RBT 01 through RBT 05 for five rainbow trout collected).
- 6.3.3 Prepare blue painter's tape to serve as specimen identification once the fish has been double-wrapped in foil. Write the abbreviated species and field ID on the tape with a sharpie marking pen. Tear off enough of the labeled tape to wrap around the foil-wrapped fish.
- 6.3.4 Label polyethylene bag(s) with a permanent marker to hold the collected fish. Write the collection location, collection date, species of fish and unique field IDs of the fish placed in the bag.
- 6.3.5 Prepare the battery operated bench scale for weighing fish. Ensure scale is located on flat level surface. Windy conditions may cause scale measurements to drift up and down making it difficult to record accurate weights. If this happens it might be necessary to situate scale out of the wind, or stack field totes and coolers around scale to block wind. Ensure scale accuracy is checked by weighing standard weights before and after each fish processing session. Record accuracy data in scale log book (Figure 4).
- 6.4 *Sample Processing and Preservation.*
- 6.4.1 Euthenize large fish by a sharp blow to the base of the skull with a wooden or metal club to facilitate processing and packaging. Keep the club reasonably clean to prevent contamination of the samples. Small fish may be asphyxiated or euthenized by putting on ice immediately after capture (U.S. EPA, 2000).
- 6.4.2 Measure the total length to the nearest millimeter of each fish using the fish measuring board (Figure 5). Total length (also called maximum body length) is defined as the length from the anterior-most part of the fish to the tip of the longest caudal fin ray (when the lobes of the caudal fin are compressed dorsoventrally) (Figure 8) (U.S. EPA, 2000). Record total length in the Field Log Book (Figure 1).





**Maximum body length**

Figure 8. Recommended measurements of body length (total length) and size for fish. Maximum body length (total length) is defined as the length from the anterior-most part of the fish to the tip of the longest caudal fin ray (when the lobes of the caudal fin are compressed dorsoventrally) (U.S. EPA, 2000).

- 6.4.3 Weigh each fish to the nearest gram using a portable, battery operated bench scale. Record weight in the Field Log Book.
- 6.4.4 Wrap individual fish in two layers of extra heavy duty aluminum foil (dull side in). Wrap completely in the first layer of foil then repeat with the second layer. Place labeled field identification tag between the two layers of foil. Secure wrapped fish with the labeled identifying tape by wrapping the tape around the middle of wrapped fish (Figure 9).



Figure 9. Fish wrapped in two layers of foil (dull side to fish), taped with label and placed with same species into labeled water-tight polyethylene bags.

- 6.4.5 Place fish of the same species and from the same location into labeled water-tight polyethylene bag(s) and seal by zipping bag or by using zip ties. Place packaged fish in ice immediately.
- 6.4.6 Transport specimens to the processing lab as quickly as possible and place in a freezer at  $\leq -20^{\circ}\text{C}$  for later processing.

## **7.0 Records Management**

- 7.1 Field Log Book – The Field Log Book is kept with a designated project team member for safe-keeping and retrieval as needed. This log book contains fish field data and site information. These logs are mandatory for permit reporting purposes.
- 7.2 Boat Electrofishing Log – These logs are also mandatory for permit reporting purposes. A template can be found at Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Field prep. Templates are formatted to print on 8 ½" x 11" Rite in the Rain™ paper containing one full size sheet or two 4 5/8" x 7" perforated sheets.
- 7.3 The Lab Analysis & Tracking Plan and Processing Bench Sheet are tables, usually created in Excel®, used to document and coordinate all activities and data for single or multiple projects per collection and sampling time period and for documenting the tissue sample preparation for lab analysis. See Ecology's SOP #007 *Resecting Finfish Whole Body, Body Parts or Tissue Samples* Section 7.0 for more information about these two forms.
- 7.4 Record management forms can be found at Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\SOP forms for Fish.

## **8.0 Quality Control and Quality Assurance Section**

- 8.1 Assure sample integrity is preserved by preventing the loss of contaminants already present in the tissues and by preventing extraneous tissue contamination (U.S. EPA, 2000). Loss of contaminants present in fish can be prevented by ensuring that the skin on fish has not been lacerated by the sampling gear or other mechanisms. Identify possible sources of extraneous tissue contamination such as sampling gear, grease from boat winches or cables, spilled engine fuel, engine exhaust, dust, ice chests and ice and take appropriate steps to minimize or eliminate them (U.S. EPA, 2000).
- 8.2 Verify that all information is filled out on the fish field identification tag for each fish sample. Ensure identification tag coincides with the correct fish ID written in the Field Log Book.
- 8.3 Verify that the Field Log Book contains all documentation of field activities, sample data, methods and observations for each and all collection sites.

8.4 Verify the completeness and accuracy of the information in all hard copy and electronic documentation. When hard copy data is transcribed to electronic files the person responsible for entering that data should perform verification checks and write “QA”, “their initials” and “date completed” at bottom of page to indicate data has been reviewed and entered into appropriate files.

8.5 Drain ice chest often to prevent possible cross contamination from melting ice during transport.

## **9.0 Safety**

9.1 Fish processing should be conducted only by or under the supervision of someone with experience.

9.2 Gloves are required for fish processing to avoid exposure to pathogens and chemicals, and to avoid sample contamination. Hands should be cleaned using soap and clean water after completing work or any time hands become soiled during the process. Gloves should be replaced whenever they get torn, punctured, or anytime used gloves are removed from hands.

9.3 Follow general procedures for safety found in the *Environmental Assessment Program Safety Manual* Chapter 1 (2017). Extra care should be given for night collections and field processing. Ensure adequate lighting. Use of a night head lamp is recommended. Have extra batteries and a new bulb available.

9.4 Boat operations require that staff meet specific training requirements as described in the *Environmental Assessment Program Safety Manual*, such as an EA Boating Course and an approved Boating Safety Course. Additional requirements are needed to operate Ecology’s 16’ Electrofishing boat. See the *Environmental Assessment Program Safety Manual* section “Operating Electrofishing Boat’s” for details. Most field operations also require training specified in EAP’s Safety Manual such as First Aid, CPR, and Defensive Driving.

## **10.0 References**

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## Attachment 1. Summary of fish Field Processing

<b>Summary of Fish Field Processing for Ecology Studies of Toxics in Fish (August 2016)</b>	
1	Number of fish: 5 minimum; 6-10 OK if unsure about size distribution of all fish. We're using 5-fish composites for most samples. If fish are <6", we may need up to 10 fish in order to give us enough fillet tissue for analyses.
2	Fish size: should be similar size - guideline is the total length of the smallest fish should be no less than about 75% of the total length of the largest fish. Larger fish are preferred over smaller fish. Generally want fish that may be sought by anglers (>8").
3	Inspect fish to ensure good specimen - no broken skin or injuries that may compromise quality of the sample. For trouts, check and note absence or erosion of any fins (e.g. adipose fin clipped off, pectoral and/or anal fin leading edges eroded) which may indicate hatchery-origin. Once selected, rinse fish in ambient water.
4	Assign ID number for each fish and record total length and weight of each fish in field notebook. Place a sample ID tag between foil layers for each fish containing the following information: date, site, species code, and fish ID number. (e.g. 9/21/04, Clean Lk, LMB-1).
5	Wrap each fish individually using new aluminum foil (dull side of foil to fish). Double-wrap fish: wrap once in foil, then wrap again in foil.
6	Put wrapped fish from the same waterbody location and of the same species in large zip-lock or poly trash bags. Different species, different bag. Different locations, different bag.
7	ID bag contents: write following info on bag exterior near zip-loc seal: WFCMP (or other proj), site, date, species and fish IDs in bag (e.g. Clean Lk, 9-16-12, LMB 1-3). Use a Sharpie or other waterproof marker.
8	Place bagged samples on ice as soon as possible. Drain water from cooler occasionally so bagged fish don't get wet from meltwater. Transfer bagged fish to HQ freezer upon return.
9	Return field notes and other info to Patti or Keith. Note date of collection, how collected (electrofished, gillnetted, angled, etc), and general location/land marks if possible.

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Note: The Bench Sheet used during lab processing may look different due to different fields and requirements of the processes involved, but fields will be available for documentation and cross reference of each sample's information.

## Attachment 2. Lab Analysis and Tracking Plan, (example only)

Note: The Lab Analysis and Tracking Plan may look different, due to different fields and requirements of the project(s) involved, but fields will be available for documentation and cross reference of each sample's collection and processing information.

Lab Analysis & Tracking Plan for FFCMP: 2016																																			
FFCMP Work Order # 1701015										DE THESE FIELDS WHEN PRINTIN								jar size -->				2 oz		4 oz		4 oz		4 oz		4 oz		4 oz			
SIC DST03				min amount needed per analysis -->				5 g		40 g		40 g		60 g				min amount needed per jar -->						5 g		80 g		60 g		60 g		80 g		80 g	
updated: 1/17/17 NM				cost/sample -->				\$ 50		\$ 379		\$ 242		\$ 675		\$ 531								Use these fields for sample jar LABEL.		Record amount of		tissue in each sample jar.							
FFCMP (f)	Lab Dup MEL	MS/MSD MEL	Lab Dup CL	Site 1	Site 2	Species	suffix for LAR Field ID	collect date	# fish in comp	Hg	CP, PCBa (PEST2P CB)	PBDE, lipid	PCB congnr	PCDD /F	FFCMP LAR Field ID	FFCMP MEL Lab # 1701015-nn	FFCMP fish IDs	process date	aliquot per fish (g)	skin: off or on	space	Hg	PEST2PCB, PBDE, lipid	MEL QC	PCB congener, PCDD/F	Archive 1	Archive 2								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	LSS	LSS-1	8/29/16	5		1	1			CR-LSS-1	01	6,8,15,24,30	12/28/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	LSS	LSS-2	8/29/16	5		1	1			CR-LSS-2	02	9,11,13,19,23	12/28/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	LSS	LSS-3	8/29/16	5		1	1			CR-LSS-3	03	2,18,22,27,33	12/28/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	MWF	MWF-1	8/29/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	CR-MWF-1	04	6,9,10,13,17	1/6/17	79	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	MWF	MWF-2	8/29/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	CR-MWF-2	05	8,15,18,22,23	1/6/17	89	ON		6	80		60	80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	MWF	MWF-3	8/29/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	CR-MWF-3	06	5,14,26,27,28	1/6/17	64	ON		5	80		60	60	60								
f	a	a	a	Cowlitz R: Castle	CR	NPM	NPM-A	8/29/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	CR-NPM-A	07	1,2,3,4,5	1/4/17	90	ON		5	80	60	60	80	80								
f	p	p	p	Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	CTT	CTT-1	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-CTT-1	08	7,13,14,17,18	1/11/17	83	ON		5	80	60	60	80	80								
f	a	a	a	Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	CTT	CTT-2	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-CTT-2	09	5,6,9,10,16	1/11/17	94	ON		5	80	60	60	80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	CTT	CTT-3	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-CTT-3	10	3,8,11,12,15	1/10/17	51	ON		5	80		60	62	44								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	LSS	LSS-1	8/30/16	5		1	1			OL-LSS-1	11	16,18,21,29,35	12/29/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	LSS	LSS-2	8/30/16	5		1	1			OL-LSS-2	12	6,7,14,27,40	12/29/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Castle	OL	LSS	LSS-3	8/30/16	5		1	1			OL-LSS-3	13	8,10,17,32,37	12/29/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-1	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-1	14	13,15,25,32,37	12/28/16	91	ON		5	80		80	80	80								
f	p	p	p	Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-2	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-2	15	23,28,29,33,34	12/28/16	80	ON		5	80	60	60	80	75								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-3	8/30/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-3	16	14,20,24,30,40	12/28/16	77	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-L1	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-L1	17	3,4,17	1/5/17	103	ON		5	81		80	80	32								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-L2	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-L2	18	6,10,19	1/5/17	108	ON		5	80		80	80	44								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	MWF	MWF-L3	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-MWF-L3	19	7,9,16	1/5/17	115	ON		6	80		80	80	75								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	NPM	NPM-1	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-NPM-1	20	7,10,14	1/5/17	105	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f	p	p	p	Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	NPM	NPM-2	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-NPM-2	21	8,9,11	1/5/17	102	ON		5	80	60	60	80	19								
f				Cowlitz R: Olequa	OL	NPM	NPM-3	8/30/16	3	1	1	1	1	1	OL-NPM-3	22	6,12,13	1/5/17	115	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	LSS	LSS-1	8/31/16	5		1	1			ML-LSS-1	23	1,11,27,30,32	12/27/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	LSS	LSS-2	8/31/16	5		1	1			ML-LSS-2	24	6,23,31,33,34	12/27/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	LSS	LSS-3	8/31/16	5		1	1			ML-LSS-3	25	3,12,16,37,40	12/27/16	300	ON			80			80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	NPM	NPM-1	8/31/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	ML-NPM-1	26	12,16,18,30,32	1/4/17	83	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	NPM	NPM-2	8/31/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	ML-NPM-2	27	4,11,15,20,31	1/4/17	84	ON		5	80		60	80	80								
f				Mayfield L	ML	NPM	NPM-3	8/31/16	5	1	1	1	1	1	ML-NPM-3	28	13,17,22,26,29	1/4/17	88	ON		5	80		60	80	80								

### Attachment 3. Processing Bench Sheet, (example only)

Field Data for Fish Tissue Samples: FFCMP 2016																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			</
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## Attachment 4. Site Reconnaissance Checklist

### **Fish Sampling Site Recon Checklist** (Updated 4/16/17)

This file can be found at: Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Field prep

Please also see the "Resources for TSU Fish Collections" file in the same folder

### **Site Physical Info**

Gazetteer Page and Coordinates.

Obtain bathymetric and aerial maps of site (e.g. EIM/GIS, WA Lakes book, web sites, USGS quad, NOAA chart.  
Also see Y:\SHARED Files\Lake Bathymetric Maps).

Info on temperature, water levels (high/low flow issues)?

### **Contacts** (note names and phone/email info)

WDFW, USFWS, USFS, NOAA and Tribal Bios. Others as required by Scientific Collection Permits (see Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Permits... for requirements).

Ecology regional staff (Watershed and TMDL Leads, see Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Field Prep\Resources for TSU Fish Collections.xlsx for useful info/links).

Others (e.g. City, County, local clubs, guide services, lake associations, volunteer monitors, etc).

Enforcement agencies (Sheriff, WSP, DFW, Tribal, others).

Private landowners as needed (e.g. timber companies, power companies, residential).

### **Fish Info**

Visit Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Field Prep\Resources for TSU Fish Collections.xlsx

Species present and size info (e.g. DFW bios, DFW WW Program tables, Gazetteer, web sites).

Hatchery plant status: species, size, numbers, release dates (DFW database, DFW web site, local bios).

Any DFW or other agency surveys being conducted or planned? How can we coordinate?

When, where, how to fish/capture - local knowledge, websites (e.g. Bios, locals, Washingtonlakes.com).

DFW web site for fishing reports, updates to regs, etc.

Check DFW regulations. Review permit guidelines.

### **ESA-Listed species**

Review NOAA and USFWS permits regarding BLT & listed species

Species present (BLT, salmonids, other)?

Timing of runs for each listed species (start, peak, end)?

Spawning habitat? Specific areas to avoid?

Strategies to avoid harassing listed species? Specific permit guidelines, gear allowances?

Water temperatures?

### **Site Environment Info**

Boat launch access - public? private? Gated access? DFW boat launch key or other needed? See

<http://www.rco.wa.gov/maps/index.shtml>, also see WDFW access info [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water\\_access/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water_access/)

Primitive or maintained boat launch? Bathroom facilities, onsite campground manager/volunteer? Cost to use..?

Able to launch boat due to water level/flows (e.g. reservoirs/dams)?



Conditions - weather, wind, current, hazards.

Backpack shocking access - is terrain/stream hikeable? Steep canyon walls? High flows? Safe operations?

Shoreside residents, night electrofishing bothersome?

Any local persons to contact about our ops?

Any concerns about fishery, land use, pollutant sources, etc?

### **Historical data (water, sed, tissue)**

Study, date, publication info.

Brief summary of what's been done and findings.

Fish info.

### **Invasive or Nuisance species presence**

Check EAP's Invasive Species webpage at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/InvasiveSpecies/AIS-PublicVersion.html>. Also review "WDFW Invasive Species Management Protocols" per permit conditions **Y:\SHARED Files\TSU Fish\Permits**.

Ever surveyed? When? Who?

Toxic algae present?

Plants:

Animals: (e.g. NZ mudsnail in Lwr Col Riv, Long Beach peninsula; zebra and quagga mussels, others).

List nuisance species present:

Develop/Review equipment decontamination SOP for areas of "Extreme Concern".

### Attachment 5. Net and Accessory Gear Inventory

Net ID	GN-1			GN-2			GN-3			GN-4			GN-5			GN-6			GN-7			GN-8		
Total length (ft)	200			208			250			200			200			97.5			200			192		
Depth (ft)	8			6			6			8			8			8			6			8		
Sink or float	sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking		
# panels & length (ft)	3 x 67			5 x 50			5 x 50			3 x 67			3 x 67			1 x 30.5, 1 x 67			3 x 67			3 x 67		
Mesh material & color	White twine			Off white twine			Green twine			Monofilament			Green twine			Green twine			Monofilament			Monofilament		
Panel condition		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf
Panel 1 mesh size (in)	2 1/2	15	3	2 3/8	16	13	2 3/8	18	12	2 1/4	3	-	2 1/2	2	1	2 1/2	1	-	2 1/4	27	8	1 3/4	6	7
Panel 2 mesh size (in)	2	7	2	2 1/8	19	6	2 1/8	22	8	1 7/8	8	-	2	7	-	2	-	-	1	30	2	1 1/2	10	5
Panel 3 mesh size (in)	1 1/2	3	-	1 7/8	25	11	1 7/8	24	2	1 1/4	-	-	1 1/2	12	1	panel missing			3/4	15	0	1	4	0
Panel 4 mesh size (in)				1 3/4	25	3	1 3/4	8	1															
Panel 5 mesh size (in)				1 1/2	40	12	1 1/2	16	5															
Bridle	Yes			Yes			Yes			Yes			Yes			Yes			No			Yes		
When purchased	August 2004			Early 90's			Early 90's			August 2004			June 2005			June 2005			1992			June 2002		
Cost	\$200			?			?			\$230			\$300			\$300			?			\$200		
Mfg.	Memphis Net & Twine			?			?			Memphis Net & Twine			Research Nets Inc.			Research Nets Inc.			?			Memphis Net & Twine		
General condition notes: New Fair				FAIR/POOR. has mini floatline buoys; orig 250'; cut out 10' section between panel 4 & 5 - reattached; cut out 32' section from panel 1 - reattached; repairs made 8/5/05. 3' hole in panel 3; 3' hole between panel 1 & 2; 4' hole in panel 1 near bridle.						GOOD (looks new). leader lines on panel 3 - float line 3' 6", lead line 3'; leader lines on panel 1 are 4'; repaired 4' of missing float line from panel 2; 2' section of previously repaired lead line in good shape.						GOOD/Fair. Bridle length - top line 13' 6", bottom line 10' 6". Net shortened and repaired 7/10/09. Lead line was parted at beginning of panel 2. Lead line reattached. Holes mended in both panels.						GOOD. Orig 200'; cut out 8' section on panel 2 - reattached; leader lines on panel 3 roughly 2' 8"; leader lines on panel 1 - float line 3', lead line 2' 3"; repaired 3' hole in panel 3 nr lead line; repaired 4' & 3' holes nr lead line & bridle in panel 1.		
MF- repaired holes 5/3/2011 GOOD (looks new). Reconnected 2' section of net back to float line.							FAIR/POOR. 5' hole repaired in panel 1; repairs made 8/5/05.						GOOD. Bridle length - top line 13' 6", bottom line 10' 6". Panel 1 has 3' hole nr lead line.						FAIR/POOR. No bridges, heavy net, small mesh sizes. 4'-5' hole at seam of 1 and 3/4 panels has been repaired 8/5/05.					
Keep or dispose?	Keep			Keep as back up net - use in areas w invasive sp & excessive debris.			Keep as back up net - use in areas w invasive sp & excessive debris.			Keep			Keep			Keep - Excellent net for fishing where longer net is not necessary.			Keep			Keep		

## Attachment 5 (continued). Net and Accessory Gear Inventory

Net ID	GN-9			GN-10			GN-11			GN-12														
Total length (ft)	200			200			200			200														
Depth (ft)	8			8			8			8														
Sink or float	sinking			sinking			sinking			sinking														
# panels & length (ft)	3 x 67			3 x 67			3 x 67			3 x 67														
Mesh material & color	Green twine			Green twine			Green twine			Green twine														
Panel conditon		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf		holes < 1sf	holes > 1sf												
Panel 1 mesh size (in)	2 1/2	-	-	2 1/2	-	-	2 1/2	-	-	3	-	-												
Panel 2 mesh size (in)	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2 1/2	-	-												
Panel 3 mesh size (in)	1 1/2	-	-	1 1/2	-	-	1 1/2	-	-	2	-	-												
Panel 4 mesh size (in)																								
Panel 5 mesh size (in)																								
Bridle	Yes			Yes			Yes			Yes														
When purchased	May 2010			May 2010			May 2010			May 2010														
Cost	\$306			\$306			\$306			\$300														
Mfg.	Research Nets Inc.			Research Nets Inc.			Research Nets Inc.			Research Nets Inc.														
General condition notes: New Fair										Great/Good. No leader lines. Bridles attached. 5/18/2011 Large hole by footrope in panel 3 repaired. MF 4/8/2015 Repaired several holes by footrope on panel 1. MF														
Keep or dispose?	Keep			Keep			Keep			Keep														

## Attachment 6. Target Fish Species

Target fish species for Freshwater Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program: sorted by order of preference using feeding behavior, comparative value to historical data, likelihood of encounter, angler use (rev 2008). Adapted from Northwest Science (Zaroban et al, 1999).

Common name	Scientific name	Habitat	Ecology Species Code	Feeding	Water temp	Tolerance	order of pref	Family name	Possible Hatchery or Transplant	feed sort	pref order of family	pref order within family
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	water col.	LMB	piscivore	warm	T	1	Centrarchidae	Y	1	2	1
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	water col.	SMB	piscivore	cool	I	2	Centrarchidae	Y	1	2	2
Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>	water col.	WAL	piscivore	cool	I	3	Percidae	Y	1	3	1
Rainbow trout <sup>3</sup>	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	hider	RBT	invert/piscivore	cold	S	4	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	1
Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	hider	BNT	invert/piscivore	cold	I	5	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	2
Cutthroat trout (Coastal) <sup>1</sup>	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki clarki</i>	water col.	CTTC	invert/piscivore	cold	S	6	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	3
Cutthroat Trout (Western) <sup>1</sup>	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi</i>	water col.	CTTW	invert/piscivore	cold	S	7	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	3
Cutthroat Trout (Lahontan) <sup>1</sup>	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi</i>	water col.	CTTL	invert/piscivore	cold	S	8	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	3
Kokanee salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i>	water col.	KOK	invertivore	cold	S	9	Salmonidae	Y	3	1	4
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>	water col.	YP	invert/piscivore	cool	I	10	Percidae		2	3	2
Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	benthic	CC	invert/piscivore	warm	T	11	Ictaluridae	Y	2	5	1
Brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	hider	BKT	invert/piscivore	cold	I	12	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	6
Lake trout	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>	benthic	LT	piscivore	cold	S	13	Salmonidae		1	1	5
Tiger Trout	<i>Salmo trutta X Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	hider?	TT	invert/piscivore	cold	I	14	Salmonidae	Y	2	1	3
White sturgeon	<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i>	benthic	WST	invert/piscivore	cold	I	15	Acipenseridae		2	6	1
Green sturgeon	<i>Acipenser medirostris</i>	benthic	GST	piscivore	cold	S	16	Acipenseridae		1	6	2
Burbot	<i>Lota lota</i>	benthic	BUR	piscivore	cold	I	17	Gadidae		1	8	1
Mountain whitefish	<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>	benthic	MWF	invertivore	cold	I	18	Salmonidae		3	1	7
Lake whitefish	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	water col.	LWF	invertivore	cold	I	19	Salmonidae		3	1	8
Northern Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>	water col.	NOP	piscivore	cold			Esocidae				
Northern pikeminnow	<i>Ptychocheilus oregonensis</i>	water col.	NPM	invert/piscivore	cool	T	20	Cyprinidae		2	4	2
Peamouth	<i>Mylocheilus caurinus</i>	water col.	PEA	invertivore	cool	I	21	Cyprinidae		3	4	3
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	water col.	PMP	invert/piscivore	cool	T	22	Centrarchidae		2	2	7
Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	water col.	BC	invert/piscivore	warm	T	23	Centrarchidae	Y	2	2	3
White crappie	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	water col.	WC	invert/piscivore	warm	T	24	Centrarchidae	Y	2	2	4
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	water col.	RKB	invert/piscivore	warm	I	25	Centrarchidae		2	2	5

### Attachment 6 (continued). Target Fish Species

Common name	Scientific name	Habitat	Ecology Species Code	Feeding	Water temp	Tolerance	order of pref	Family name	Possible Hatchery or Transplant	feed sort	pref order of family	pref order within family
Warmouth	<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>	water col.	WM	invert/piscivore	warm	T	26	Centrarchidae		2	2	6
Green sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	water col.	GS	invert/piscivore	warm	T	27	Centrarchidae		2	2	8
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	water col.	BG	invert/piscivore	warm	T	28	Centrarchidae	Y	2	2	9
Common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	benthic	CCP	omnivore	warm	T	29	Cyprinidae		4	4	1
Brown bullhead	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	hider	BBH	invert/piscivore	warm	T	30	Ictaluridae		2	5	2
Yellow bullhead	<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	hider	YBH	invert/piscivore	warm	T	31	Ictaluridae		2	5	3
Longnose sucker <sup>2</sup>	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	benthic	LNS	invertivore	cold	I	32	Catostomidae		3	7	3
Salish Sucker <sup>2</sup>	<i>Catostomus catostomus</i>	benthic	SS	omnivore	cool	S	33	Catostomidae		4	7	5
Largescale sucker	<i>Catostomus macrocheilus</i>	benthic	LSS	omnivore	cool	T	34	Catostomidae		4	7	1
Bridgelip sucker	<i>Catostomus columbianus</i>	benthic	BLS	herbivore	cool	T	35	Catostomidae		5	7	2
Mountain sucker	<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>	benthic	MS	herbivore	cool	I	36	Catostomidae		5	7	4
Chiselmouth	<i>Arocheilus alutaceus</i>	benthic	CLM	herbivore	cool	I	37	Cyprinidae		5	4	4
Sculpins	<i>Cottus sp.</i>	benthic	COT	invertivore	cool	T	38	Cottidae		3	10	1
Starry flounder	<i>Platichthys stellatus</i>	benthic	STF	invertivore	cold	S	39	Pleuronectidae		3	9	1
Grass carp	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i>	benthic	GCP	herbivore	warm	T	don't take	Ictaluridae		-	-	-
1 - Cutthroat trout: if uncertain of subspecies, just call it CTT ( <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> ). Subspecies usually haven't been distinguished in past work. EIM doesn't distinguish fish subspecies yet. (2008)												
2 - Same species, Salish Sucker appears to be dwarf form of Longnose. Salish is found west of Cascade crest. The Longnose is found east of the Cascade crest. EIM doesn't distinguish different forms.												
3 - some RBT hybridize with CTT so that fish have some characteristics of both species. Please note in field book if hybrids suspected.												
Tolerance field describes overall pollution tolerance: S = sensitive, I = intolerant, T = tolerant												
Use order of preference as a guide. Higher trophic level species preferred over lower level. Consider availability of fish, size, historical data available, mix of families/trophic levels per site, angler use.												